

# *I'VE LEARNED...*

*A Collection of  
Precious Thoughts*



# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that you should always leave  
loved ones with loving words.  
It may be the last time you see  
them.*



# *I'VE LEARNED...*

*that it's not what you have in your  
life*

*but who you have in your life that  
counts.*



# ***I'VE LEARNED...***



*that you cannot make someone love  
you.*

*All you can do is be someone who can  
be loved.*

*The rest is up to them.*

The background features a soft, textured landscape. In the distance, there are rolling hills or mountains in shades of light green and yellow. On the right side, a willow tree with long, thin branches and small, dark leaves hangs down. The overall tone is calm and somewhat melancholic.

***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that no matter how much I care,  
some people just don't care back.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that it takes years to build up trust,  
and only seconds to destroy it.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that you can get by on charm for  
about fifteen minutes.*

*After that, you'd better know  
something.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that you shouldn't compare yourself  
to the best others can do  
but to the best you can do.*



# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that it's not what happens to people  
that's important.*

*It's what they do about it.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that you can do something in an  
instant that will give you heartache  
for life.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that no matter how thin you slice it,  
there are always two sides.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that it's taking me a long time to  
become the person I want to be.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that it's a lot easier to react than it  
is to think.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that you can keep going long after  
you think you can't.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that we are responsible for what we  
do, no matter how we feel.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that either you control your attitude  
or it controls you.*



# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the passion fades and there had better be something else to take its place.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that heroes are the people who do  
what has to be done when it has to  
be done,  
regardless of the consequences.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that learning to forgive takes  
practice.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that there are people who love you  
dearly,  
but just don't know how to show it.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that money is a lousy way of keeping  
score.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that my best friend and I can do  
anything or nothing and have the  
best time.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that sometimes the people you expect  
to kick you when you're down will be  
the ones to help you get back up.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that sometimes when I'm angry I  
have the right to be angry, but  
that doesn't give me the right to be  
cruel.*



# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that true friendships continue to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that just because someone doesn't  
love you the way you want them to  
doesn't mean they don't love you  
with all they have.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that maturity has more to do with  
what types of experiences you've  
had and what you've learned from  
them and less to do with how many  
birthdays you've celebrated.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that you should never tell a child  
their dreams are unlikely or  
outlandish.*

*Few things are more humiliating, and  
what a tragedy it would be if they  
believed it.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that your family won't always be there for you. It may seem funny but people you aren't related to can take care of you and love you and teach you to trust people again. Families aren't biological.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that no matter how good a friend is,  
they're going to hurt you every  
once in a while and you must forgive  
them for that.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that it isn't always enough to be  
forgiven by others.*

*Sometimes you have to learn to  
forgive yourself.*





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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that no matter how bad your heart is  
broken, the world doesn't stop for  
your grief.*



# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that our background and  
circumstances may have influenced  
who we are, but we are responsible  
for who we become.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that sometimes when my friends  
fight, I'm forced to choose sides  
even when I don't want to.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that just because two people argue,  
it doesn't mean they don't love each  
other.*

*And just because they don't argue, it  
doesn't mean they do.*



# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that sometimes you have to put the  
individual ahead of their actions.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that we don't have to change friends  
if we understand that friends  
change.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that you shouldn't be so eager to find  
out a secret.*

*It could change your life forever.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that two people can look at the exact  
same thing and see something  
totally different.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that no matter how you try to  
protect your children, they will  
eventually get hurt and you will hurt  
in the process.*



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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that there are many ways of falling  
and staying in love.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that no matter the consequences,  
those who are honest with  
themselves get farther in life.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that no matter how many friends you have, if you are their pillar you will feel lonely and lost at the times you need them most.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that your life can be changed in a  
matter of hours by people who don't  
even know you.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.*

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# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that writing, as well as talking, can  
ease emotional pains.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that the paradigm we live in is not all  
that is offered to us.*

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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that credentials on the wall do not  
make you a decent human being.*



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***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that the people you care about the  
most in life are taken from you too  
soon.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that although the word "love" can have many different meanings, it loses value when overly used.*

# ***I'VE LEARNED...***

*that it's hard to determine where to draw the line between being nice and not hurting people's feelings and standing up for what you believe.*